

WOODMAN GARRISON
Durham, N.H.

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WOODMAN GARRISON

Durham, Strafford County, New Hampshire

Owner

Town of Durham

Date of Erection

Unknown -- The land on which it was built was Granted Capt. John Woodman in 1660.

Architect

Unknown

Builder

Unknown

Present Condition

Foundations and portion of chimney remained as it had slowly crumbled and was a mound covered with turf.

Number of Stories

From photographs of the fire, it appears to have been one story and a half.

Materials of Construction The Garrison had a stone foundation and superstructure of wood. The squared logs were laid together at the corners without dovetailing and from the number and size of beams which supported the front overhang, it seems that the second floor was constructed similar to Pendergast Garrison with long beams being on front and rear walls, rather than with large Summer Beams and small intermediates as is the Doe Garrison.

Both the use of large second floor beams and the undovetailed joining of logs at the corner seems to speak of late construction.

Woodman Garrison

Materials

Captain John Woodman appeared in Durham in 1657, was granted land in 1600, was made Captain in 1690, and his garrison was successfully defended in the massacre of 1694. The date of its construction is uncertain.

The oldest fire place was built of brick 2X4X8 laid in clay. The hearth was probably of native stones. Some of them well polished by foot wear were found under a cut granite hearth of obviously later date. The splayed jamb is another indication of late construction.

Other Existing Records

Garrisons of Ancient Dover
by L. W. Flanders

Landmarks of Ancient Dover
by Mary P. Thompson

History of Durham, N. H.
by Everett S. Stackpole

Notable Events in the History of
Dover
Wadleigh

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